RESOLUTION NUMBER 178 AREVA D. MARTIN, ESQ.

WHEREAS, it is with the utmost respect that the members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, pause in their daily legislative endeavors to recognize and honor Areva D. Martin, Esq., a native St. Louisian, Attorney and Author; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Martin is the special guest speaker at a networking and empowerment luncheon on October 4, 2007 at the Lawyers Club in St. Louis, Missouri. The event is in honor of National Work and Family Month called "Powerful Women, Powerful Choices" hosted by Alderwoman April Ford-Griffin; and

WHEREAS, when it comes to the success of women in the workplace, Los Angeles Attorney Areva D. Martin is a leading source. She has appeared on national television and has been featured in the Los Angeles Times and New York Times; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Martin has been selected as one of LA's Top Black Attorneys and LA's County 2007 Woman of the Year. Her recently released book, Journey to the Top, is receiving rave reviews from women all over the nation; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Martin is the Founding and Managing Partner of Martin & Martin, LLP which is one of Los Angeles' largest African American law firms. She is Co-founder and President of Special Needs Network, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services and resources to children with developmental disabilities

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Attorney Areva D. Martin, Esq. for her leadership and community service, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of October, 2007 by: Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2007 as attested: